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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: MARINE WORKING
GROUP - PANEL 2 - ICE TRANSITING - 05.0502

REF: (A) FEBRUARY 8 ISHCHENKO TELEX TO RAMUNDO
(B) MOSCOW 19217

1. SCIENTIFIC COUNSELLOR LISTED AS INFORMATIONAL
ADDRESSEE ON ISHCHENKO-RAMUNDO TELEX OF FEBRUARY 8 WHICH
PROPOSES EXCHANGE OF MARINE AND ICE-TRANSITING DELEGATIONS
IN MARCH ON BASIS OF MORE FORTHCOMING VISIT PROGRAM FOR
LATTER. SHORTNESS OF NOTICE AND INVOLVEMENT OF KEY
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SCHEDULING OF THE VISITS AS PROPOSED. WHILE DOT
RECOGNIZES IMPROVEMENT IN ICE-TRANSITING VISIT PROGRAM, IT
BELIEVES THAT ISSUE OF ASSURING MUTUALITY OF BENEFIT IN
MARITIME AREA INVOLVES MORE THAN VISIT TO YERMAK AND
REQUIRES DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT AT JOINT COMMITTEE LEVEL.
UNFORTUNATELY, DOT IS STILL NOT IN A POSITION TO RESPOND
TO SCST PROPOSAL FOR MARCH MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE AS

BINDER'S SUCCESSOR, CHESTER DAVENPORT, HAS YET TO BE
CONFIRMED. WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, IT BECOMES
INCREASINGLY DOUBTFUL THAT MARCH WILL BE FEASIBLE FOR
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. SOVIETS MAY BE ASSURED THAT

RAMUNDO WILL RAISE MATTER WITH DAVENPORT AT FIRST
OPPORTUNITY AND PROVIDE RESPONSE. RAMUNDO HAVING LUNCH
WITH YEZHOF OF SOVIET EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 16 TO EXPLAIN
SITUATION.

2. REQUEST SCICOUN DRAW UPON FOREGOING IN RESPONDING
TO PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN ISHCENKO TELEX. DOT WANTS
POINT CLEARLY MADE THAT IT IS SERIOUS IN SEEKING
MUTUALITY OF BENEFIT IN MARINE AREA AND THAT
"OPPORTUNITY FOR (U.S.) SPECIALISTS TO COMMUNICATE
CONCERNING THE NANSEN PROJECT AT THE ARCTIC AND
ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE" IS NOT ITS IDEA OF A MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL COOPERATIVE EXCHANGE. WORDING OF ISHCENKO
TELEX ON THIS POINT SUGGESTS "SOVIET LISTENING SOLUTION"
VOICED BY ALEKSENKO DURING MEETING REPORTED REF. (B).
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